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1. INFO REFTEL B PASSED TO AUSTIN. FOLLOWING IS ADDI-
TIONAL INFO PROMISED REFTEL (A) EXCERPTED FROM RECENT
AUSTIN/LOVECKY LETTER.

"OUR DAUGHTER (16 YEARS OLD) HAS AN ALLERGY TO DUST AND
MOLD, AMONG OTHER THINGS, AND WE HAVE FOUND IN OUR TRAVELS
THAT SHE HAS DIFFICULTIES WHEN WE STAY IN OLDER BUILDINGS,
PARTICULARLY IF THE FURNITURE IS OLD. IN ALLERGY, IT IS
APPARENTLY OLD DUST THAT CAUSES DIFFICULTIES (AS IN OLD,
DISINTEGRATING KAPOK), AND THE NEWER THE LIVING QUARTERS,
THE LESS LIKELIHOOD OF DIFFICULTIES. IT IS MY UNDER-
STANDING THAT NEW APARTMENT BUILDINGS ARE AVAILABLE IN
BUCHAREST, AND WE FEEL THAT AS A PROTECTION TO OUR
DAUGHTER'S HEALTH WE NEED AN APARTMENT IN ONE OF THE NEWER
BUILDINGS.

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APARTMENT BUILDING, THE LOCATION OF THE BUILDING IS

IMPORTANT: I HAVE BEEN TOLD BY THREE PREVIOUS FULBRIGHT TEACHERS IN BUCHAREST THAT IT IS MUCH MORE CONVENIENT IF ONE LIVES IN AN APARTMENT REASONABLY NEAR THE UNIVERSITY (WITHIN A FIVE OR TEN MINUTES DRIVE), THAT STORES AND RESTAURANTS (INCLUDING THE UNIVERSITY CAFETERIA) ARE MUCH MORE ACCESSIBLE. WHEN THE REPRESENTATIVE OF YOUR OFFICE GOES TO BUCHAREST THIS MONTH, COULD HE PLEASE CHECK ON LOCATION AS WELL AS THE QUALITY OF ACCOMMODATIONS? IN LIGHT OF THE EXPERIENCES OF THE THREE FULBRIGHT TEACHERS TO WHOM I HAVE TALKED, WE FEEL THAT IT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT TO THE WELFARE OF THE WHOLE FAMILY THAT WE BE SITUATED IN A CONVENIENT LOCATION."

2. AUSTIN'S PHYSICIAN REPORTS "SANDRA HAS RESPIRATORY ALLERGIES - NEW RESIDENCE, ONE RELATIVELY FREE OF DUSTS AND MOLDS AND EASY TO KEEP CLEAN, WOULD BE RECOMMENDED. I CONFERRED WITH SANDRA'S PEDIATRICIAN WHO ADVISED THAT SHE HAS ALLERGIES TO DUST AND MOLD AND A CONTROLLED SEIZURE DISORDER. SHOULD PRESENT NO PROBLEMS."

3. DEPT DOES NOT WISH BELABOR MATTER BUT URGENTLY REQUESTS EMBASSY OBTAIN DETAILED INFORMATION REGARDING HOUSING WHICH WILL BE OFFERED TO AUSTINS. HE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO MAKE FINAL DECISION UNTIL THIS INFORMATION AVAILABLE.

4. AUSTIN ANXIOUS TO COME TO ROMANIA AND HOPES DAUGHTER'S MEDICAL CONDITION WILL NOT STAND IN WAY. KISSINGER

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